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CALTRANS OPENS MUSEUM EXHIBIT “EVERYDAY BICYCLING: GEARING UP FOR TRANSPORTATION”

An exhibit about using bicycles as a practical transportation option

Los Angeles - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will launch a new museum exhibit tomorrow, Thursday, May 19, 2011 as part of Bike to Work Week in the lobby at the Caltrans District 7 Headquarters Building, located at 100 S. Main Street.

The public is welcome to visit the exhibit beginning tomorrow at 11 a.m., and continuing weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through June 20, 2011. The exhibit displays bikes used for daily practical transportation to show that bicycling is a viable alternative to driving, especially for short errands, school and work. It also includes bikes used by the Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics and the Police Department during large events.

This exhibit allows Caltrans, the department responsible for the planning, design, construction and maintenance of the state's freeway and highway system, to demonstrate how its commitment to improving mobility across California includes the bicycle community.

For example, Caltrans is helping communities in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties with studies, master plans and funding for the design and construction of safe bicycling infrastructure. A new Bikestation facility, that opened at the Claremont Metrolink Station on February 24, 2010, was made possible in large part by Caltrans. The Bikestation makes it easier for people to get out of their cars and onto a bike and helps make bicycling an attractive transportation option.

Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funded 90 percent of the \$550,000 project in Claremont. In 1995, Caltrans also helped fund District 7's first Bikestation in Long Beach. Statewide, Caltrans BTA provides \$8 million annually in state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.

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